

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**Board for Proprietary Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board for Proprietary Education met in regular session starting at 10:00 A.M. (Eastern) at 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 700, Conference Room, with Chairman Sauer presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Scott Bogan, Rod Haywood, Jr., Ken Konesco, Jean Putnam, Ken Sauer and Anne Shane.

*Members Absent:* None

*Guests:* Marc Aguillera, Tom Brouwer, Brittany Cottoner, Matt Cummings, David Good, Kim Hall, Mandy Hicks, Bruce Kepley, Crystal Neumann, Kathryn Reed, Pete Patsiavos, Jenay Sermon, Steve South, Jana Walser-Smith, and Krystal Witter.

It was determined that there was a quorum for the June 16, 2021 Board meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE March 2, 2021 BOARD MEETING**

**R-21-06.1**      **Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting  
(Motion – Konesco, second – Shane, unanimously approved)

**II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Ken Sauer began by noting that the Commission has signed a contract with the firm Plante Moran. Plante Moran focuses on taxes, financial planning, wealth management and auditing. The purpose of the agreement is to have the financial firm develop additional metrics for determining the financial health of BPE authorized institutions or those seeking authorization. The Commission did send a RFP to several firms before selecting Plante Moran. Commission staff have had the first meeting with Plante Moran. Ross Miller shared with Plante Moran audited financials and other information from active institutions, institutions seeking authorization, and some that have closed. After the firm has had a chance to review those documents, Commission staff will have another meeting with the firm. The work of the firm should conclude in two months. The timing is set so that the firm can present their findings at the September 1, 2021 BPE business meeting.

**III. TIME – SENSITIVE ACTION ITEM**

**A. Initial Institutional Authorization and Academic Degree Program**

1. Initial Institutional Authorization of South College at Carmel and an Associate of Science in Health Science to be offered.

Representing South College were: Kim Hall, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Effectiveness; and Steve South, Chancellor.

Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that South College be granted institutional authorization and approval to offer one associate's degree at one location.

**R-21-06.02            Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Shane, second – Konesco, unanimously approved)

2. Initial Institutional Authorization of Southern New Hampshire University at Indianapolis.

Representing Southern New Hampshire University were: Matt Cummings, Associate Vice President; David Good, Associate Vice President of Operations and Engineering; Jenay Sermon, Senior Director of Learning Science; Jana Walser-Smith, State Authorization and Compliance Administrator; and Krystal Witter, Associate General Counsel.

Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Southern New Hampshire University be granted institutional authorization at one location.

**R-21-06.03            Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Shane, second – Haywood, unanimously approved)

## **B. Academic Degree Program**

1. Master of Science in Organizational Leadership to be offered by American College of Education.

Representing American College of Education were: Marc Aguilera, Chair of Business; Tom Brouwer, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance; Crystal Neumann, Assistant Provost-Business Professions; and Pete Patsiavos, Programmatic Approvals Specialist.

Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that American College of Education be granted approval to offer one master's degree program via distance education.

**R-21-06.04            Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Shane, second – Haywood, unanimously approved)

2. Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Echocardiography to be offered by Caris College.

Representing Caris College were: Brittany Cottoner, Campus Director; Mandy Hicks, Director of Education; Bruce Kepley, CEO; and Kathryn Reed, LPN Nursing Director.

Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Caris College be granted approval to offer one associate's degree program at one location.

**R-21-06.05      Resolved:** That the Board for Proprietary Education approves by consent the following recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item.  
(Motion – Konesco, second – Shane, unanimously approved)

**IV.    INFORMATION ITEM**  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VI.    ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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Dr. Ken Sauer, Chairman

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Date